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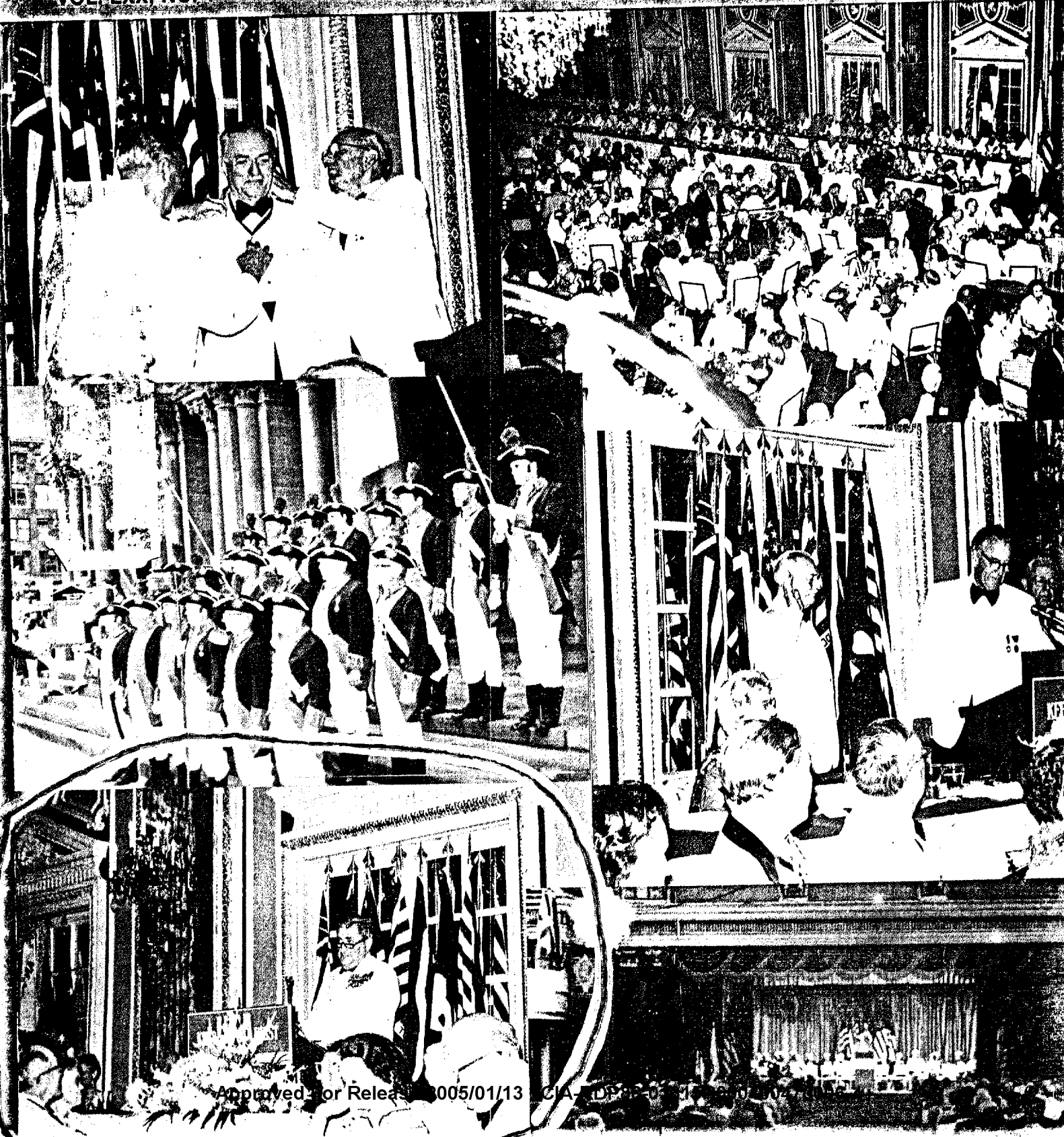
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law-abiding citizens of handguns and other weapons has not resulted in the decrease of crimes of violence in jurisdictions having such laws but, on the contrary, has resulted in part, in a disarming of the law-abiding citizen without disarming the criminal, thus leaving the law-abiding citizen at the mercy of the armed criminal; and

WHEREAS, required registration of weapons in certain European nations has provided a ready means of completely disarming law-abiding citizens by those who have subverted and overcome the governments of such European nations so that any effective citizen resistance to such subversive forces has been effectively eliminated;

RESOLVED that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution urge its members to study carefully any proposed legislation in their respective States or in the Congress of the United States requiring the registration of weapons or substantially limiting their possession or use by law-abiding citizens, and, if such proposed legislation impairs the Constitutional rights and the ability of law-abiding citizens to protect themselves, to resist such proposed legislation by every lawful and effective means.

# OBSCENITY, UNDUE EMPHASIS ON SEX, AND UNDERMINING OF FAMILY AND CIVIC AUTHORITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS

## RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has learned of the strong and welcome protest made by Citizens of the State of West Virginia against the use of certain textbooks in the public schools of that State; and

WHEREAS, those textbooks contain shocking examples of the use of obscene words, the degrading of family relationships, undue emphasis on sex, incitement to disregard authority in school and elsewhere and actual instructions in methods of violation of the criminal law; and

WHEREAS, there is genuine concern that the public school textbook problem in West Virginia may be national in scope and represents a real threat to the American System by weakening the moral and ethical fiber of the youth of the Nation;

RESOLVED that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution take the necessary and proper steps to alert the State Societies, the Chapters and members of the Sons of the American Revolution to the serious danger the Nation faces in the inclusion of obscenity and other un-American material in textbooks of the education system, and that the various Chapters conduct a grass-roots investigation and evaluation of the schools in their respective communities in order to report to the National Society in regard to the extent of this danger and a proper response to that danger.

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## RESOLUTION NO. 8

WHEREAS, there appears to be a concerted effort among certain groups, including part of the news media, either to abolish the Central Intelligence Agency or to so restrict its activities as to prevent it from performing its functions effectively; and

WHEREAS, there is a definite need and requirement in the Government of the United States to have such an arm of the Executive Branch of that Government to investigate and to protect it, and the people of the United States, in regard to matters that either are not within the purview of the powers and duties of the Federal Bureau of

Investigation, or are so intertwined with national and international matters of interest and intrigue as to require special and delicate handling by the Central Intelligence Agency;

RESOLVED that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is of the opinion and does hereby declare that the reasons and purposes for the existence and proper operation of the Central Intelligence Agency are very much with the Nation at the present time, and that there should be no downgrading of its activities, but on the contrary, the Central Intelligence Agency should be continued with necessary powers and appropriations to perform effectively its most important work under the direction of the Executive Branch of the Government of the United States.

## COURTESY RESOLUTION

## RESOLUTION NO. 9

WHEREAS, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recognizes that its 85th Annual Congress has been successful in every respect; and

WHEREAS, that success has resulted from the efforts of those who planned and implemented the program for the National Congress;

RESOLVED by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution that it hereby expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to:

1. The President General for his able and dynamic leadership.
2. The Officers, Chairmen and Members of their Committees.
3. The Executive Secretary and the loyal Headquarters staff for their constant and effective efforts in providing for an efficient operation.
4. The speakers, Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters, USA, Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency, and The Reverend (Dr.) John McLaughlin, S.J., former Special Assistant to the President of the United States for their timely and inspiring addresses.
5. Mrs. Ralph H. Richardson and Miss Page Miller for their talented vocal contributions to the music of the Congress.
6. The Massachusetts Society Continental Guard for furnishing color guards and escorts.
7. Mr. William Mitman and the entire staff of The Copley Plaza for their many services and courtesies, beyond normal limits of a host hotel.
8. The news media for their coverage of the Congress.
9. The Massachusetts Society for its contribution to a successful 85th Annual Congress.
10. To the Committee on Resolutions and its Chairman for the prompt and efficient preparation of proposed resolutions, so that they could be presented to the Congress at its Monday meeting and voted upon at its Tuesday meeting in accordance with the established order of the business of the Congress, rather than at later times as in previous Congresses of the Society.

## REAFFIRMATION OF PRIOR RESOLUTIONS

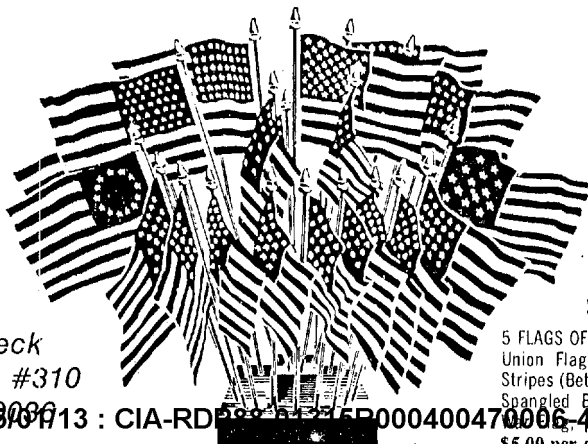
## RESOLUTION NO. 10.

RESOLVED that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, at its 85th Annual Congress assembled, reiterates and reaffirms all previous Resolutions adopted at prior Congresses.

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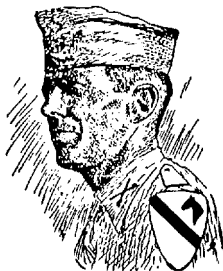
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(PAST PRES., D.C. S.A.R.)

# WITCH HUNT IN WASHINGTON

by Col. G. I. Epperson  
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1975 marks the 200th birthday of the United States Army on June 14th, our Navy the 13th of October, and the Marines on November 10th. The combined 600-hundred-candle celebration this year gives rise not only to expressions of pride and respect but also to some sobering thoughts of concern.



There is no need to reflect on the heroic contributions the three services as well as our other military forces have made to the nation's security throughout the past two centuries. But a review of their proud record should also serve to strengthen our resolve to maintain a military establishment that is sufficiently manned, equipped and supported to accomplish its traditional role in meeting the ever growing threats to our security.

While insuring our survival should be of paramount importance, all too many of our citizens and elected representatives either seem blind to these obvious threats or place their selfish interests above those of the nation. This loud minority, some outright "comrats," has succeeded in getting the Congress to reduce the strength of our Armed Forces below that of pre-Pearl Harbor days, to curtail the modernization and augmentation of essential military equipment, to disregard the professional advice of our military leaders, and to create disrespect for the serviceman as well as disdain for the promised benefits he has earned in many years of loyal service.

This declaration of "open season" and hostile attitude toward the nation's military is the more puzzling as, in contrast, our avowed enemies display the opposite attitude. This is evidenced by a continuous build-up and modernization of their military capability which, in many respects, now exceeds that of ours, thus impairing our primary deterrent to aggression and diplomatic blackmail. Instead, too many of our elected leaders rely upon dubious detente rather than determined defense.

## SELF-ANNOINTED SAVIORS

There is one aspect, in particular, that has lately been given a great deal of publicity and impetus by the media and concerns a Congressional activity that may well do greater harm to our national security than all other Congressional anti-defense actions combined. We are referring to the vicious and irrational attacks on our country's intelligence system.

*Pravda* printed Brezhnev's boasts on Aug 22, 1973, "Peaceful co-existence does not mean the end of the struggle of the two world powers. The struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between world socialism and imperialism will be waged right up to the complete and final victory of communism on a world scale."

It is not often that we agree with Senator Proxmire. But he does have a point when he urges his dovish colleagues not to dismantle the CIA, lest the Congress and the Executive Branch be left wholly dependent on the military intelligence services for the content of the National Intelligence Estimates. The CIA has indeed done well in its assessments of Soviet weapon development and deployment. It has saved the country billions that might otherwise have been wasted. But that isn't the only or even the best reason for saving the Agency from the wreckers. The best reason is that a sound strategy and ready, well-equipped forces proceed from sound intelligence. One begets the others.

No business and no nation can exist for long unless it manages to obtain information on the plans and programs of

Accordingly. This basic requirement was recognized in Biblical times and throughout all the recorded history of man. There are innumerable examples of the loss of battles, wars and entire civilizations because of inadequate intelligence operations. Yet, under the cloak of self-righteousness, supposedly well-informed members of Congress are doing their best to destroy the effectiveness of the indispensable intelligence system of the United States of America.

We cannot help wondering whether we will ever see the day when the head of the Soviet's vast spy organization, the dreaded KGB, would be ordered to explain, in public session on camera, how it managed to infiltrate American institutions, unions and military forces. How the KGB went about subverting government employees and fomenting anarchy, riots and revolution abroad. Which and how many foreign leaders it had assassinated, not to mention the millions of its own citizens, and how it is organized and the manner in which it functions.

While the Soyuz-Apollo crews were shaking hands in space and everyone was proclaiming enduring friendship on the ground, the Soviets continued their effort to subvert Portugal. In July they sent sixty KGB agents to Lisbon and have spent \$12 million since April on the Portuguese Communists. Their interference in the internal affairs of our erstwhile Atlantic Alliance ally seems to be paying off. Not to mention their rapid and steady gains in Latin-American affairs such as the recognition of Castro's Cuba by the OAS and the possible loss to the United States of the Panama Canal, to name a few targets in the Western hemisphere.

The huge global successes the KGB has been able to achieve stem from the fact that the Soviet hierarchy recognizes the vital importance of its intricate and covert intelligence apparatus. It not only gives the KGB all the support it needs but also jealously guards the very root of its ruthless effectiveness, namely, absolute secrecy. We are confident the wily Soviets are both amazed and amused, watching gleefully the inquisition of our intelligence system!

To be sure, intelligence operations with all their by-products are a dirty business, but war is infinitely worse and, especially, a war that is lost because some irresponsible men in authority have, in one way or another, impaired the functions of their national intelligence system. If the CIA, FBI or any of our intelligence services have engaged in activities that may not be germane to their assigned mission, top-secret investigations by a selected few highly trustworthy men should suffice to remedy whatever deficiencies may exist.

To go beyond a privy investigation, however, as is being done publicly right now, constitutes the highest degree of cunning irresponsibility. We strongly believe that it is the duty of every concerned and patriotic citizen to raise his voice and demand an instant and complete stop to the irreparable damage being done to our intelligence operations by publicity-seeking Senators and Representatives. The holier-than-thou actions of these self-annointed saviors before television cameras and their bad-mouthing to the press in this and other security matters are courting national suicide.

As our nation is about to enter the third century of its existence, we are facing external and internal threats such as we have never encountered before. Let us make sure that we can meet these dangers with confidence by maintaining dedicated Armed Forces and supporting an intelligence system all of which are second to none in the world. We must discontinue wearing hairshirts and stop this self-flagellation.

Nice guys come in last!

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